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# **Vote on Account 2015 - 16**

**for the year ending 31 March 2016**

## **Supply Estimate House of Commons: Administration**

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# VOTE ON ACCOUNT FOR 2015-16

## Introduction

### **Vote on Account for 2015-16**

The Vote on Account provides resources and cash to allow existing services to continue during the early months of the coming financial year, pending Parliament's consideration of the Main Supply Estimates for 2015-16. 'Existing services' means services for which Parliament has given approval before 31 March 2015. Statutory authority for the issue of a sum from the Consolidated Fund equal to the Vote on Account will be sought in the Supply and Appropriation (Anticipated and Adjustments) Bill.

2. The Main Supply Estimates for 2015-16 will be presented around the start of the Financial Year. Parliament authorises the provision sought when the Supply and Appropriation (Main Estimates) Act is passed.

3. Section 7(3) of the Supply and Appropriation (Main Estimates) Act 2014 explained that a Departmental Expenditure Limit equivalent (DEL equivalent), rather than the Departmental Expenditure Limit (DEL) and Annually Managed Expenditure (AME), control limit has been adopted for all House of Commons Administration expenditure.

### **Amounts required**

4. The amounts in the Vote on Account are normally a standard 45 per cent of the amounts already voted for the corresponding services in the current year. This should normally be sufficient to ensure that the provision made for each service is not exhausted before the Appropriation Act is passed in the summer, but not so high as to prejudice Parliament's consideration of the Main Supply Estimate.

5. A Vote on Account provision outside the standard 45 per cent may be sought when:

- a. it is possible to anticipate a change in the structure of a Supply Estimate;
- b. if consumption of resources or expenditure of cash during the early months of the financial year is expected to be significantly different from the standard.

6. The House of Commons Staff Pension Scheme was transferred into the Civil Service Pension Scheme from 1 April 2014. Associated with this was a one-off cash payment to cover the transfer of the historical pension scheme liabilities. The 45% cash requirement is based on the 2014-15 voted amount net of this transfer to the Cabinet Office.

7. The services covered by the Vote on Account are for those shown in the main Supply Estimate for 2014-15 (HC 1231).

8. The Vote on Account in respect of Central Government Supply is anticipated to be presented today by the Financial Secretary to the Treasury. A Vote on Account for the National Audit Office, Electoral Commission, Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority and the Local Government Boundary Commission for England is expected to be presented to Parliament at around the same time.

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<b>Total net DEL equivalent resource requirement</b>	<b>£ 93,650,000</b>
<b>Total DEL equivalent capital requirement</b>	<b>£ 17,280,000</b>
<b>Total net cash requirement</b>	<b>£ 97,520,000</b>

Amounts required for a VOTE ON ACCOUNT for the year ending 31 March 2016 in respect of the House of Commons Administration.

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	2014-15 Plan on which provision on account is based £'000	2015-16 Required on Account £'000
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Net DEL equivalent resource	201,300	93,650
DEL equivalent capital	43,000	17,280
Net cash	648,210	97,520

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